



PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2024 @ 1:00pm - Montgomery County Intermediate Unit

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Present at the meeting: Michael Barber, Stephen Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, RJ Bretz, Holly Farnese, Bill Keenan, Shannon Fisher, Seth Brunner, Jason Sherlock, LaDontay Bell, Robert Kurzweg, Cyndi Moss, Lou Sudholz, John Creighton, Henry Hunt, Geoff Per, Lisa Ford, Dave Baun, Vicki Zebley, Joe Derickson, Becky Flynn Hensel, Christopher Jaramillo, Matt Heiland, Maureen Gregory and Tom Brady.

Absent from the meeting: Sara Kurpel, Stephanie Taylor, Corey Siegel, Mike Semar, Sylvia Kalazs, Denis Gray

Guest at the meeting: Vaneshya McGee, community member of Norristown.

Approval of the Minutes

- Upon motion by Lou Sudholz/Geoff Per, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from December 13, 2023. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Treasurer Report

- Upon a motion by John Creighton/Henry Hunt, the committee approved the Treasurer's Report for December 2023. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Operations Balance	\$788,133.06
Net Change	\$73,473.45

A copy of the complete Treasurer's Report is available from the office of PIAA District 1 Treasurer.

Student Transfer List

- Upon a motion by RJ Bretz/Joe Derickson, the committee approved all Transfer Student Requests on the list provided to D1 Committee members. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Foreign Exchange Student List

- There were no Foreign Exchange Student Requests this month.

Public Comment – No public comment

Executive Secretary Report – Mr. Stone / Mr. Kelly

- Rod Stone extended his thanks to Joe Derickson & Shannon Fisher for their planning of the PSADA D1 Meeting at Villanova U on Monday 1/8/2024. The D1 Office will continue to work with the D1 AD Association to help improve attendance at these educational meetings.
- Sean Kelly reviewed the Fall Sport Steering Committee Meetings for Soccer and Field Hockey
 - The following topics were discussed: No action items to consider.
 - Classifications for the next 2-year cycle, PIAA Success formula, review of the power ranking systems, Soccer over-time procedures, playoff official assignments, playoff playback contests, number of disqualifications and red cards.
- Sean Kelly presented the Winter Sport Updates
 - Competitive Spirit Championships were held on January 6, 2024 @ Central Bucks South High School. Thank you to the CB South staff for hosting. 23 D1 teams qualified for the PIAA States Championships. PIAA registration and championship information was sent to schools.
 - Boys Wrestling Championships sites and dates are set. The seeding meeting for Team competition will be held on January 21, 2024. 16 3A teams will compete. The top 8 teams will host the 1st round of team duals.
 - The Girls Wrestling Championships will be held at William Tennent High School on February 17th. The Regional Tournament will be held at Quakertown HS on Sunday, February 25th.
 - 6A D1 Basketball Championships sites are still TBD. 5A is scheduled to be held at West Chester University. Harriton HS and Bensalem HS are the host sites for the 1A – 4A Championships. The District One office was asked to continue to look at appropriate sites for 5A and 6A.
 - The D1 Swimming Championships will be held at the York PA YMCA. D1 Diving Championships will be held at North Penn High School.

PIAA BOD Report – Dr. Barber

- The next PIAA BOD meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, in Mechanicsburg. The PIAA Success formula and the movement of teams up in classification will be a topic of discussion.

New Business

- Upon motion by Dave Baun/Steve Brandt, the Committee approved the 2022-2023 Audit Report. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

- Upon motion by Tom Brady/Maureen Gregory, the committee approved the process of Winter Officials of assigning officials in a fair and objective manner.
Unanimous (23 Votes)
- Dr. Barber expressed a heartfelt appreciation of Tom Brady upon his retirement as the PIAA D1 Committee Male Official's Representative. Tom served as the District One Official's representative for the last 28 years. Ron Reidinger has been voted in as the new District One male officials representative and will begin his tenure July 1, 2024.
- The District One Committee reviewed the recommendations from the Operations Committee which met in December 2023.
 - The District One Committee approved the changes to the Volleyball Power Ranking system, effective for the fall 2024 season. All non-PIAA contests will count towards the final rankings. The overall win/loss records of non-PIAA teams will be included for Rankings. Only 5 set matches will count towards a team's overall record. Upon a motion by Geoff Per/Bill Keenan, the committee approved the recommendation. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**
 - The District One office will continue to review and put into writing the establishment for minimum number of contests as a divisor for power ranking system. The office will also draft language that will consider the number of volleyball tournaments teams participate in, so they are not punished for playing fewer contests.
 - Upon motion by Steve Brandt/Matt Heiland, the committee approved each sport have a minimum # of games, teams must play 80% of those games. If the number is below schools must seek relief from the PIAA D1 Committee. The motion was withdrawn so more specific information can be written and provided. Upon motion by Henry Hunt/Cyndi Moss the committee tabled this motion for additional consideration in February.
Unanimous (23 Votes)

No action was taken on the items below. Committee members are asked to continue discussion within their leagues so these items can be considered next month.

- Payment of Athletic Trainers – see below. Leagues will continue to survey their members and gather information regarding school contracts. No action taken.
- Leagues are asked to research and to consider the need and/or desire to play playoff playback contests for seeding purposes. No action taken.
- Committee members are asked to review with their league member schools the current Baseball Power Ranking system which does not include non-league contests. Many committee members feel that all baseball contests should count towards the rankings. No action taken.

Old Business

- Faith Christian Academy wrestling self-report. As per the request of the District One Committee, on January 2nd, Rod Stone and Sean Kelly met with the administration and wrestling coach from Faith Christian Academy to discuss an alleged violation of the PIAA In-Season / Out of Season rules. Specifically, to the wrestling team's participation in a scrimmage prior to the allowable date. Mr. Stone presented additional information and details to the District One Committee regarding the follow-up meeting and the self-report from Faith Christian Academy. Upon a motion by Cyndi Moss / RJ Bretz, the committee accepted Faith Christian Academy's self-report with the following conditions. Faith Christian Academy wrestling program will be placed on probation until the end of the 2025 season. The school will also adhere to the self-imposed sanctions to help ensure that no further PIAA In-season / Out of season violations occur in the future. **Unanimous (23 Votes)**

Officials Report – Tom Brady & Maureen Gregory

- There was no business to present to the committee this month.

Middle School Report – Matt Heiland

- There was no business to present to the committee this month.

Eligibility Hearings

- On December 27, 2023, a subcommittee of the PIAA D1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Dock Mennonite (Sukaly) in reference to PIAA Article VII, Section 7 - Post Season Waiver request. The subcommittee denied the request for a post-season waiver. **(Unanimous 7-0)**
- On December 27, 2023, a subcommittee of the PIAA D1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Souderton High School (Beckett) in reference to PIAA Article VII, Section 7 - Post-season waiver request. The subcommittee denied the request for a post-season waiver. **(Unanimous 7-0)**
- On December 27, 2023, a subcommittee of the PIAA D1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Council Rock High School (Mutarelli) in reference to PIAA Article VII, Section 7 - Post-season waiver request. The subcommittee denied the request for a post-season waiver. **(Unanimous 7-0)**
- On December 27, 2023, a subcommittee of the PIAA D1 Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student at Spring-Ford High School in reference to PIAA Article VII, Section 7 - Post-season waiver request. The subcommittee approved the post-season waiver request. **(Unanimous 7-0)**

- The District One Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student from West Chester Henderson High School (Lamizana) in reference to PIAA Article VII, Section 7 - Post-season Waiver Request. Upon motion by Steve Brandt/RJ Bretz, the committee denied the post-season waiver request. **(22-0-1 abstention (Sherlock))**.

The meeting Agenda was conducted out of order. Seth Brunner was absent from the meeting for this report. He was present for all other votes except Adjournment.

District One Hearings

West Chester Henderson High School submitted a complaint to the PIAA District One Committee against Central Bucks South High School and its boys varsity soccer program. WC Henderson High School requested that the PIAA District One Committee review the circumstances and reports of unsportsmanlike conduct displayed by the CB South soccer team during the District One Soccer playoffs. The contest was played on Thursday, October 26, 2023, at WC Henderson HS.

The Central Bucks South High School Administration presented a detailed self-report in reference to the alleged incidents which occurred vs. West Chester Henderson High School. After the presentation by the CB South Administration, follow-up questions were asked by the District One Committee.

Upon a motion by Joe Derickson/Dave Baun the District One Committee accepted CB South's self-report with the following conditions. Central Bucks South boys soccer program will be placed on probation for a period of one year. The school will also adhere to the self-imposed sanctions that were presented to the committee. The CB South administration will provide the District One office with a report that addresses the compliance of the actions stated in the self-report. The vote to accept CB South's actions and self-report was **21-0-1 abstention (Sherlock)**.

District One Executive Secretary, Rod Stone, recused himself and left the meeting during the Committee's executive session.

Document Review

The committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student from West Chester East High School (Ladd) in reference to PIAA Article VII, Section 7 - Post Season Waiver . Upon motion by Geoff Per/RJ Bretz, the committee approved the waiver. **Unanimous (22 Votes)**

The committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student at Gwynedd Mercy Academy (Aboshady) in reference to PIAA Article VII, Section 7 - Post Season Waiver. Upon motion by Shannon Fisher/Vicki Zebley, the committee approved the waiver. **Yes – 21 No -0 Abstain – 1 (Hensel)**

Adjournment

Upon motion by Lisa Ford/Tom Brady, the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.
Unanimous. (22 Votes)

The next meeting of the PIAA D1 Committee will be held February 14, 2024 – 1pm at the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit.

District One Operations Committee Minutes
Meeting via Zoom – Friday, December 8, 2023 – 10am

Attendance: Shannon Fisher, Seth Brunner, Corey Sigel, Bobby Kurzweg, Henry Hunt, John Creighton, Joe Derickson, Matt Heiland

The Operations Sub-Committee discussed the following topics and made the following recommendations.

- Payment of Athletic Trainers
 - Members of the Operations concluded that payment to Athletic Trainers for home playoff contests should be processed through the school. If permitted by their school contract with the athletic trainers, schools can reimburse their athletic trainers and include them in their game help budget for playoff contests. District One will reimburse the school.
 - For neutral site playoff contests, District One will continue to pay the rate of \$35/hour for Athletic Trainers who work championship events.
- Establishment of minimum number of contests for calculating the power ranking system.
 - Members of the Operations Committee recommended that a minimum number of contests be established as a divisor for calculations of the sports power ranking system. The Power Rating is determined by dividing the sum of the win points, schedule points, and bonus points by the number of the games you played. If a fewer number of contests are played then the established minimum number contests. The established minimum number will be the divisor.
 - *Soccer / Field Hockey / B.G Lacrosse – 18 PIAA Max # of contests.*
 - *Minimum divisor 14 contests.*
 - *Softball – 20 PIAA Max # of contests*
 - *Minimum divisor 16 contests*
 - *Basketball – 22 PIAA Max # of contests*
 - *Minimum divisor 18 contest*
 - *Example: if a school plays 13 soccer games, the team's ranking will be divided by 14. Rankings will be done manually.*
- Playback contests during District One playoffs.
 - The Operations Committee did not make any recommendations to change the current process of playing out all playoff contests for PIAA State playoffs.
 - Members of the District One Committee will be asked to monitor playoff contests and report occurrences if members schools do not participate in contests with sportsmanship or integrity.